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SUBJECT: BAUXITE; JAMAICAN AND SURINAM ATTITUDES

1. DURING A RECENT VISIT BY PAUL CROUCH, LOCAL MANAGER FOR ALCOA, HE SAID THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THE GOVERNMENT OF SURINAM IS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS COMPLETELY ACQUIESCED IN THE LEVY RECENTLY LEGISLATED BY JAMAICA AGAINST THE ALUMINUM COMPANIES. HE ACKNOWLEDGES, OF COURSE, THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE BUT INDICATED THAT THIS WAS A STRONG IMPRESSION THAT THE SURINAMESE HAD APPARENTLY ACQUIRED THROUGH CONTACTS WITH THE JAMAICANS.

2. HE ALSO NOTED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION THAT IT MAY BE OF INTEREST THAT ALCOA PROCESSES THE BAUXITE OWNED BY BILLITON INTERNATIONAL METALS IN SURINAM AND THAT BILLITON OUTPUT IS GREATER THAN ALCOA'S JAMAICA PRODUCTION. HE CITED F.J. JACOBS AS THE BILLITON'S

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REPRESENTATIVE IN SURINAM AND MR. H. R. LIM A PO AS

THE FIRM'S ATTORNEY. GERARD UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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